

2004 City-wide Environmental Action Agenda: Summary

Provide Lean Green City Government

City government will lead by example with practices that save money and improve the health of people and the environment.

Goals	2004 Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase energy and water efficiency of City buildings and facilities ➤ Reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from City vehicles ➤ Buy more environmentally-friendly products ➤ Design and construct City buildings that are healthier for people and the environment, and that cost less to own and operate ➤ Reduce City use of pesticides (especially on golf courses) ➤ Produce and deliver electricity with no net emissions of greenhouse gases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement Clean Green Fleet Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue use of cleaner diesel fuels ○ Increase purchase of cleaner cars ○ Promote smart transportation choices by City employees (e.g., no idling) ➤ Continue Sustainable Purchasing Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce purchase of products containing persistent toxins ○ Increase purchase of sustainably produced wood products ➤ Continue Sustainable Building Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ complete Central Library, Yesler and High Point community centers ➤ Continue City Light clean energy and climate protection initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on local carbon mitigation projects to increase use of/market for biodiesel ➤ Implement Parks' strategy to reduce pesticide use on golf courses and increase pesticide-free parks

Encourage Strong Environmental Practices

We will encourage residents, businesses and other institutions to use resources more efficiently and adopt environmentally responsible practices.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase energy and water efficiency of residential and commercial consumers ➤ Reduce generation of solid waste; increase rates of recycling ➤ Raise community awareness of environmental challenges and opportunities, and promote community engagement and action ➤ Increase adoption of sustainable practices by Seattle-area businesses and households ➤ Actively promote "best environmental practices" regionally, state-wide, and nationally ➤ Promote environmental equity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement the Sustainable Business Development Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop resource guide to help businesses implement "best practices" ○ Support businesses that develop clean energy and green building technologies ○ Partner with Chamber, nonprofits to create sustainable business network ➤ Continue aggressive residential and commercial energy and water conservation programs ➤ Implement recycling improvements (e.g., reduce recyclables in garbage) ➤ Conduct environmental equity assessment; develop action agenda ➤ Focus environmental education on lower income and ethnically diverse children ➤ Partner with the Media and Policy Center/PBS to produce a documentary and community action guide on urban ecosystem restoration

Create Healthy Urban Environments

We will improve Seattle's quality of life, protect and restore the environment, and enhance neighborhood livability.

Goals	2004 Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Create and promote clean, green, livable urban neighborhoods➤ Protect and restore Seattle's urban forest➤ Protect and help restore lakes, rivers, creeks, and Puget Sound➤ "Green" the built environment (buildings, streets, etc.)➤ Help protect and improve local and regional air quality, and combat global warming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Integrate sustainable development practices into major infrastructure and neighborhood redevelopment efforts (e.g., (South Lake Union, Central Waterfront/Center City, Northgate)➤ Launch new Green Seattle Initiative<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Expand scope of Clean Seattle Initiative to include greening in 12 neighborhood clean-ups/year○ Other components under development➤ Continue urban forest restoration projects; complete Urban Forest Management Plan➤ Acquire additional open space in the U-District, Denny Triangle, Pioneer Square, International District, Capitol Hill➤ Add two community gardens, focusing in underserved areas➤ Continue creek restoration and stewardship programs; complete Comprehensive Drainage Plan➤ Complete natural drainage project in Broadview neighborhood➤ Revise/strengthen comprehensive growth management plan and Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance (ECAO)➤ Partner with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on clean air initiatives (e.g., no-idling) and regional global warming action plan

Promote Smart Mobility

We will improve mobility by promoting transportation choices that make our neighborhoods safer and healthier.

Goals	2004 Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Create and aggressively support alternatives to personal vehicle use➤ Make Seattle the most bike- and pedestrian-friendly city in the country➤ Encourage use of sustainable design and construction practices for major transportation infrastructure improvements➤ Reduce air pollution and fuel consumption by improving traffic flow efficiency➤ Price and manage parking to support healthy business districts, public transportation, and traffic flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Foster transit-, bike-, and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods (e.g., South Lake Union, Center City, Northgate)➤ Work with King Country Metro to increase bus service in Seattle➤ Actively support light rail, monorail, and the South Lake Union streetcar➤ Continue One-Less Car Challenge➤ Continue to improve pedestrian and bicycle access and safety (e.g. sidewalks)➤ Optimize 150 traffic signals➤ Install additional parking meters and pay stations downtown➤ Use and promote biodiesel and ultra low sulfur diesel➤ Evaluate use of proximate commute program to match City employees with closer-to-home work sites